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**Cc:** duteau, helen[Duteau.Helen@EPA.GOV]  
**From:** White, Terri-A  
**Sent:** Wed 1/15/2014 5:49:14 PM  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATE - West Virginia Inquiries

Bonnie,

See below. Al Jazeera questions are lower in this email chain.

**From:** White, Terri-A  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 3:02 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Alisha; Davis, Alison  
**Cc:** Behringer, Caroline; Hull, George; Jones, Enesta; Milbourn, Cathy; Garvin, Shawn  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE - West Virginia Inquiries

Alisha,

For the Al Jazeera inquiry:

Here's R3's recommendation. Let me know if you need more. — Terri

We can point the reporter in the direction of the State's own 303d List which is a biennial assessment of stream health and the causes of water quality impairment. The state has the lead responsibility to assess streams and report to us the causes. Here's the link for that.  
[http://www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/WATERSHED/IR/Pages/303d\\_305b.aspx](http://www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/WATERSHED/IR/Pages/303d_305b.aspx)

As to water quality issues generally related to mining, here's a link to ORD's literature survey on impacts from MTM. This is published and peer reviewed literature:  
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=225743>

As to acid mine drainage – Office of Surface Mining has some useful information at <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov/NTTMainSite/Initiatives/ADTI/adiOSMinfo.shtm> As for EPA, we have effluent limitation guidelines that must be placed in permits for mines that discharge acid mine drainage. These can be found at 40 CFR 434.30-.35.

**From:** Johnson, Alisha  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 1:57 PM  
**To:** Davis, Alison; White, Terri-A  
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**From:** Davis, Alison  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 1:55 PM  
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OW thinks their mining folks may be out today – has this also been shared with R3?

**From:** Johnson, Alisha  
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**To:** Davis, Alison  
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Can you check with OW on this one?

**From:** Davis, Alison  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 1:41 PM

**To:** Johnson, Alisha  
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**Alisha – One new inquiry for you - AD**

**W Va. Press inquiry list as of 1:35 p.m. Inquiries since last update in red**

**Al Jazeera America – Wilson Dizard**

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DDL 6 p.m.

- Working on story about the environmental impacts of coal mining in West Virginia.
- Could you provide us with a rundown of what the biggest challenges facing West Va. are, especially as they relate to water.
- We understand that acid mine runoff is a common problem in West Virginia, and that it's sometimes caused by strip mining. Can you tell us more about what EPA is doing about this?

**AP – Matt Daly**

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202-641-9541 direct  
202-365-2993 cell

- Wants fuller assessment on scope of spill; what will be done to remediate; does company have previous problems?

**CBS Evening News – Pia Malbran**

[MalbranP@cbsnews.com](mailto:MalbranP@cbsnews.com)

305-571-4401

- Wants EPA's inspection history and reports for the Freedom Industries plant in

West Virginia.

- How many spills have they had in the last 10 years? Could you please provide me the details.

- Has the EPA taken any action against Freedom Industries?

**NBC - Anne Thompson**

[Anne.Thompson@nbcuni.com](mailto:Anne.Thompson@nbcuni.com)>

- Wants to talk to someone by phone

**ICIS News – Joe Kamalick**

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Cell. 202-215-4292

- Any comment? Is Region 3 sending an investigator, anything like that? Has EPA contacted the company, Freedom Industries?

**MSNBC**

Chris Hayes – Alisha has info

**Politico**

Erica Martinson (Alisha has info)

**The State Journal/ West Virginia Media**

[Ann Ali](#)

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- Looking for info on the chemical: 4-methylcyclohexane methanol

**VOA News – Spanish – Lina has info**

**WSJ**

Rebecca Bajas